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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Communication mailed on March 11, 2004, the applicants hereby submit a true and correct copy of the Response And Request For Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 that was filed on March 1, 2004, wherein the copy of the previous communication is now signed at the end of the REMARKS..

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-2555 any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, with the exception of the payment of the Issue Fee.

If the Examiner notes any further matters which the Examiner believes may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,
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**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination following the Final Office Action dated October 30, 2003 received in the patent application identified above. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. A two month extension of time is requested and fee therefore accompanies this response.